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FRANCIS A. STOUT.

MR. FRANCIS A. STOUT, one of the Vice-Presidents of the American Geographical Society, died on the 18th of July, 1892, at the Thousand Island House, Alexandria Bay, N. Y.

Mr. Stout was a native of New York City, and here received his early education. He studied engineering in Paris and afterwards read law in this city, but he never entered upon a professional or business career.

Inheriting a fortune, he devoted himself to scientific and literary pursuits, and, in a large sense, to social obligations; and he was actively engaged in the work of many important charities. He was one of the founders and commissioners of the Trigonometrical Survey of the State of New York, and, for some years, President of the Nicaragua Canal Company. He became a Fellow of the American Geographical Society in 1860, was made Honorary Secretary in 1870, and held office as a Vice-President from 1872 to 1892.

Historical geography especially attracted Mr. Stout's attention, but he took a deep interest in every branch of the science, and closely followed its progress. He enriched the library of the Society with valuable gifts, including rare Atlases of the 17th and 18th centuries and costly illustrated works; and measures for the advancement of the association and the increase of its usefulness called forth his wise criticism and suggestion, or enlisted his hearty co-operation.

He was the representative of the Society in the International Geographical Congresses held at Antwerp and at Berne.

His dignified bearing and even courtesy told of long culture and a wide experience of life, while those brought into closer relation with him learned to appreciate his acute and vigorous intellect, and to rely upon the sincerity of a nature made for friendship.